

LOCAL NEWS.

HYDRAULIC STEAM FIRE COMPANY.—The February meeting was held at the Engine House last night. Vice President Carney in the chair. Messrs. J. Franklin Taylor, Robert J. McCuin, Clark Harmon, William Clifton, John Haines, Thomas Beach and George Dix were elected to membership and five other young men were proposed and their names referred to the Executive Committee.

M. B. Harlow, from the Committee on the Birthday Ball, reported the net profits there of at \$127, whereupon, the thanks of the company were tendered to the committee for their services.

R. L. Carney, from the Committee on Repairs of Engine House, stated the plans there for, and that the probable cost of the outside work would exceed \$200, whereupon, on motion of J. H. Young, the committee was directed to proceed with the work as soon as possible as the front wall of the house is visibly giving way, and would soon render the building unsafe.

Thomas D. Dix, from the Committee on Procession, reported several bills which were ordered to be paid, and an assessment of one dollar on each member was made to reimburse the treasury for expenses of procession.

On motion of Henry J. Nevett, it was ordered, That every active member equip himself with the belt and New York fire hat, heretofore adopted, within sixty days.

A member being reported for intoxication about the Engine House, and improper language and conduct therein, was expelled.

H. J. Nevett offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz: Resolved, That the thanks of this company be tendered to Mrs. James Entwistle, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. B. F. Young, Mrs. S. Lindheimer, Mrs. Joseph Young, Mrs. Crockett, and Misses Adams, Weedon and Thomas, for the beautiful decorations for our apparatus so kindly furnished on the occasion of our late parade.

Resolved, That our thanks are also due to Messrs. J. B. Ridgeway, R. D. Catts and W. T. Herriek, for harness furnished us on the same occasion.

The thanks of the company were also tendered to A. C. Kell, Marshall, and H. J. Nevett, Acting Commander on the 22d of February, and the meeting adjourned to the 1st Tuesday of April.

POTOMAC FRUIT GROWER'S ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Potomac Fruit Grower's Association was held in Washington yesterday. Chalkley Gillingham in the chair and P. H. Fulsom secretary.

In response to an inquiry from Hollywood, Va., Mr. Saul stated that it would pay to graft choke pear trees with other varieties provided the trees were young and vigorous, otherwise not.

After a discussion by Messrs. J. H. Gray, John Saul, S. E. Chamberlain and J. H. King and others with reference to the site for orchards, it was recommended to dig a hole three feet in diameter and sixteen inches deep, always choosing the northern slope, so that the temperature would be more equal in winter, and so that the trunks of the trees would be sheltered from the direct rays of a winter sun in the morning, which in itself effects a varying temperature; never mix manure about the roots, nor use the "pudde," but always keep the roots damp from the time they come out of the ground until they are put in again.

Plant whenever the soil is in good condition and in thorough cultivation. The land should be ploughed with a good team, and then subsoiled, and, if possible, cultivated a year or two before the orchard is set. A good plan is to drive a stake by the stump of the tree, which answers the purpose of a tap root.

It was also given as an additional reason for subsoiling, that it prevents washing, and further, that in the amount of rain falling during one year, there is an equivalent to three hundred pounds of Peruvian guano, which, of course, goes into the soil, where provision is made for its reception by cultivating deep.

Mr. King demonstrated that while the wasp, hornet, &c., destroyed fruit, having jaws, and being able to bite through the woody substances, the honey bee could only extract honey from the bruises made and its legitimate way as given to it in flowers, and was in reality a friend and assistant to the horticulturist.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.—We chronicle with pleasure the evidences of vitality among all our churches, but especially to-day, the signs of thrift in the Baptist Church, comprising reports to the building, and the introduction of a very handsome bell, soon to be placed in the steeple. Besides new flooring, white-washing and refortifying the walls of the main audience room, Messrs. Rishell & Hooze are putting up inside blinds, which will add greatly to the appearance and comfort of the building. The bell will weigh 1,600 pounds, or about one third more than any in the city. It was cast by Joshua Register & Sons, of Baltimore—who furnished St. Mary's with some of our best bells and took the gold medal at the recent Baltimore fair. It cost about \$800, and reflects credit not only upon Mr. John Perry, who selected it, but on the enterprise and liberality of the church and congregation. Other signs of prosperity are the nightly services at the church, conducted by the pastor, which are numerous and are of deep interest. Several persons have professed conversion.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY.—The first meeting of the new Board of Directors of the Alexandria Library Company was held last night, present: Messrs. S. H. Janney, President, J. S. French, H. Latham, T. E. Kemp, C. P. Shaw, E. Snowden, Jr., S. W. Green and G. S. Black. Mr. Usher was elected Vice President, Mr. Blackburn, Secretary, and Mr. Leadbeater, Treasurer. After an interchange of views in reference to the best method of promoting the interest of the Library the meeting adjourned until next Friday night. The President has appointed as the Committee on Library, Messrs. Snowden, Blackburn and Leadbeater, himself chairman of the committee, ex officio.

RELIGIOUS.—The month of March is dedicated by many persons in the Catholic Church, to St. Joseph, the foster father of our Savior, who was designated by the Council of the Vatican, "The Patron of the Universal Church." Every morning, after the 6:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel, attached to St. Mary's Church, prayers are offered to obtain his intercession for the spiritual and temporal well being of those who attend, and the chapel is always crowded to overflowing. The same services take place on Sunday, during Vespers, in St. Mary's Church.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.—The County Superintendent has received an official copy of the "Act to Provide for the Organization of County School Boards, &c." and will, shortly, convene the district school trustees of Alexandria County to organize a County Board under it. The bill makes some very useful improvements in the school law, and enables the trustees to hold the officers engaged in the collection and disbursement of school monies to a more rigid accountability than heretofore.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Andrew Page on complaint of Sarah Johnson, both colored, for abusive language, was discharged with an admonition.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear and cold. There were no disturbances, nor any arrests, neither were there any prisoners at the station house.

RIVER NEWS.—The cold weather prevailing since Monday night has caused a good deal of ice to form in the river, and the northwest winds have blown it over on the Maryland flats, upon the whole length of which it is backed up to a considerable thickness. The tides, too, in consequence of the winds, are very low, and the trips of the Maryland ferry boat Virginia have been suspended. The steamer Arrow, of the Mount Vernon line, made no trips yesterday or to-day, and the weather is so cold that the operations of the dredging machine, at the wharf of the American Canal Company, have been temporarily discontinued. The steamer Lady of the Lake arrived this morning from Norfolk, and the steamer Express left Baltimore for this city yesterday evening. The U. S. frigate Constellation still lies off the city receiving her stores and armament.

AN ALEXANDRIAN'S JOKE.—The excitement created among the large crowd that had gathered at the horse bazaar in Washington, yesterday, by the violence of a vicious animal, invisible to most of those present, was turned into a panic when, in addition to the flying splinters and noise made by the planks as the feet of the infuriated horse kicked against them, was added the loud voice of Mr. James Chatham of this city crying, "Look out! the horse is falling," and the place was cleared of most of its human occupants in an instant. Some who were there report that they were lifted from their feet and borne out of the building by the crowd in its eager anxiety to clear what they imagined would instantly be a falling roof.

VESSEL SUNK.—Mr. Naglee's yacht General Hancock, Captain William Bird, left Occoquan yesterday with a load of fish for this city, but had hardly started before it was discovered that she had been run through by the ice and was leaking badly. It was determined, however, to proceed, and Mr. Naglee, who was on board, taking the helm, the Captain and crew by the use of the pumps and buckets managed with the most strenuous exertions to keep her afloat until she reached here. She was full of water as she neared the wharf and sunk as soon as she had gotten in her dock. Her cargo had to be fished out of her hold with tongs and sticks.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire about two o'clock this evening was caused by the partial burning of the roof of the dwelling house of Mr. Simon Waterman, on Royal, between Cameron and Queen streets. The fire originated from a spark from a neighboring chimney, but had not progressed far before it was discovered, and the alarm being sounded, the fire department was on the ground in an almost incredible short space of time, and the flames were speedily extinguished and before any serious damage had been occasioned.

FIRE ENGINE IMPROVEMENT.—Engineer Richard Purcell, of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine, has just completed a sleeve for his engine, which will greatly facilitate and expedite the connection between the hose and the fire plugs, and has also made a copper screen to protect the pump of his engine. These improvements Mr. Purcell made with his own hands, and so saved the Corporation considerable expense. He has kindly offered to make similar improvements for the Hydraulic steamers.

CONFERENCE AFFAIRS.—A large number of ministers, among them R. W. E. Moussey, again passed through here this morning, on their way to the Conference of the M. E. Church South, which met in Warrenton today. In the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, in session in Baltimore, an obituary of the late Alfred Griffith, of this city, was yesterday read and approved.

STOLEN DEATH.—When Mr. William Clifford and his wife, who live on Prince street, near Fairfax, waked up this morning, they found to their horror that their baby, an infant about six weeks old, and who was in bed with them, was dead. The child was apparently perfectly well last night, and the cause of its sudden death is unknown.

CANAL NAVIGATION.—President Clark, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has announced that water will be let on the whole length of that line on the 7th inst., to-morrow, but should the weather continue as cold as at present, the probability is that the opening of navigation may be delayed some time longer.

RUN AWAY.—The horses attached to the ambulance belonging to the signal corps at Fort Whipple, in this county, became frightened whilst crossing the Aqueduct Monday afternoon, and ran at full speed over that structure. The driver who was unable to control them, was thrown to the ground, but luckily sustained no injury.

THE WEATHER.—Five weeks—all to two days—of the six allowed by prescription have now elapsed since Captain Beard saw that ground hog "skoor" across the road. Winter is evidently lingering in the lap of Spring, and the sooner the latter gets tired the better.

CHANGED.—The Washington M. E. Conference, colored, in session in Baltimore, yesterday changed the seat of the next Conference from Alexandria to Washington city.

BOAT RACE.—The Potomac Boat Club, of Georgetown, has received an invitation from the class of '72 at the Annapolis Naval Academy to row a friendly race.

Great Bargains

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All Winter Clothing is to be sold without regard to cost, in order to make room for a fine and complete stock of Spring Goods.

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An entirely new article for ALL CLEANING AND POLISHING PURPOSES.

Sold wholesale and retail by LEWIS BOOFF, Jr., Dealer in Groceries, Tobacco, Segars, &c., mh 6-2w 5 S. Fairfax st., Alex., Va.

GENTLEMEN'S DRESS SHIRTS.
The very rapid sale of the first lot of these goods has induced us to get another supply. They are made of New York Mills Cotton, with the best linen bosom and fit beautifully. We have them in open front or in the back.

ROBERT L. WOOD,

No. 62 King street.

LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.
Received—35 dozen Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Gentlemen's do. Selling at a great bargain.

W. M. S. BARKLEY,

THE GENUINE SMALL SCOTCH HERRING, by the box or dozen. Also, YAR-

MOUTH BLOATERS, for sale at 147 King st.

W. P. BROOKES.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1872.

In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to prevent ex-members of Congress from acting as claim agents, which was tabled.

The consideration of the Legislative Appropriation bill was resumed.

The House of Representatives considered the Goat Island (Yerba Buena) depot bill during the morning hour.

The Deficiency Appropriation bill was then taken up.

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

The Japanese Embassy visited the Capitol to-day and saw all the objects of interest. The chief Ambassador was accompanied by Gen. Banks, the second of the Embassy (who bears a striking likeness to Mr. R. M. T. Hunter translated into Japanese) by Mr. Fernando Wood, and the other members of the Embassy by distinguished individuals. These went upon the floor of the House. The members of the Embassy of lesser note occupied places in the Diplomatic gallery. A very large crowd followed them.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

WARRENTON, Va., Mar. 6.—The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met here at nine o'clock this morning, and was opened by Bishop Paine, who presides.

The roll of the Conference was called, when seventy-seven ministers responded—seventy-two absent.

The Secretaries of the last conference were elected as Secretaries of this, and the rules of 1870, adopted.

The lists of the standing committees of the past year were read, and the hours at which they are to report fixed.

Communications relative to the Nashville Publishing House, the Church Debt, and the establishing of a publishing house and a school for young ladies in Baltimore, were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

It was resolved that the Conference should sit with open doors while passing upon the life and public administration of the preachers.

Elder Martin being called upon, all the ministers under his charge were named and their characters favorably passed upon, except that of Dr. Huston, of Baltimore, who was called by the Secretary, but was not mentioned by Elder Martin.

It is believed Huston will be here to-morrow.

From New York.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The weather continues intensely cold. The ice is increasing in the rivers and harbor. The South and Hamilton ferries, running to the southern part of Brooklyn, and the other ferries are much impeded. North River has large floes of ice in it, and vessels arriving do not anchor in the stream from danger of being cut through. The effects of the cold are severely felt here by the poor people, drivers of teams and others, obliged to be out of doors. The driver of a wagon was found frozen yesterday on Forty seventh street. He was walking alone and the reins were grasped in the dead man's hands. Louis Schultz, a tailor, was frozen to death in a vacant lot in Brooklyn and a woman was found frozen in the ice of a culvert on Lafayette street. Jersey city. Nearly all the seamen on vessels arriving are badly frostbitten.

At a meeting of the Bar Association last night the committee on extortion reported that there exists a system of excessive overcharges in the Sheriff's Registers and County Clerks' offices. They submitted a proposition for the abolition of the Marine Court and a bill for the abolition of District Courts was considered at some length.

The Tribune says that the swindler Elias, who is running the concern called the Geneva Watch Company is one of the management of another fraud called the Protective Emigrant Association. This association operates upon the credulity of unsophisticated emigrants by inducing them to pay money for membership therein.

The Tichborne Case.

LONDON, March 6.—The celebrated Tichborne case which has been on trial in this city for so long a time just passed to a sudden and most unexpected termination this morning. Upon the objection of the court the counsel for the claimant to the Tichborne estate announced that their client had decided that in view of the action of the jury on Monday in saying they had heard sufficient evidence whereon to base a verdict, to withdraw his cause before the court. After this announcement of the counsel for the plaintiff, the counsel for the defense asked Lord Chief Justice, Bovill to issue a warrant for the arrest of the claimant on the charge of perjury and to fix his bail at \$50,000. The petition was granted and a bench warrant issued for his arrest. The claimant was not present at the session of the court this morning and is believed to have fled from the city.

A North Carolina Outlaw.

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—A special dispatch from Raleigh says:—A private letter received in this city from a prominent official of Robeson county by Adjutant General Gorman contains an account of the killing of Henry Berry Lowery, chief of the Robeson Outlaws, by his brother, Stephen Lowery. Stephen confesses the deed, reporting in person to the authorities. The Roanoke News casts doubt upon the authenticity of this news and thinks it a mere ruse on the part of Lowery to cover his retreat from the State, as the authorities are now organizing for his capture.

Killed—Sudden Death.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 6.—On the night of the 4th instant Col. Latham, a prominent lawyer of Paris, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed at Henry station, Tennessee.

Hon. Thomas M. Brown, a prominent lawyer of this city while returning from his office on the evening of the 4th instant fell to the pavement and expired almost immediately.

Destruction by Fire.

CINCINNATI, O., Mar. 6.—Eleven business houses and dwellings at Mason station, on the Murrefreesboro' and Louisville Railroad were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss will reach \$70,000; insurance light.

Municipal Election.

TROY, N. Y., Mar. 6.—The democrats elected their city ticket here yesterday by 1,000 majority. Five republicans and eight democratic Aldermen and six republicans and seven democratic Supervisors were elected.

BY EXPRESS THIS DAY.

Another very large lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hosiery. Purchasers would consult their interest by examining these goods.

R. L. WOOD,

SEED PEAS—Land's End Extra Early, Par-

fel O'Rourke, May, Blue Imperial, Eugene,

McLean's Little Gem and White and Black

Marrowfat, warranted all fresh and genuine,

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

PERIODIC DISORDERS.—The paroxysmal maladies, which are characterized by heat and cold, prevail extensively at this season; and it is a curious fact that in many parts of the country where they are prevalent, other diseases, that bear no general resemblance to fever and ague, or remittent fever, assume a periodic type. Thus, in many sections infested with chills and fever, rheumatism, neuralgia, hysteria, diarrhoea, &c., sometime become intermittent, thereby indicating that they have been engendered by the same poisonous exhalations which produce the first named disease.

In all these marked cases of ague—for such they are—as well as in the regular intermittents, the most safe and reliable remedy that can be administered is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Neither quinine nor arsenic are needed. Both are in the highest degree dangerous, and are sure to leave sad traces of their poisonous action in the system, whether they arrest the paroxysms or not. In many instances all the so-called specifics of the "regular" materia medica utterly fail to "break up" the intermittent and remittent disorders. But the great vegetable Tonic never fails. The spasm of the minute blood-vessels which causes the chill, is the result of nervous weakness, produced by the debilitating operation of an unwholesome atmosphere, and diet, and by the action of the nervous system by the Bitters, enable it to throw off the disease. The wisest policy, however, is to anticipate attacks of this nature, by arousing all the latent energies of the body at the commencement of the chill, and by the use of the Bitters, to make an antidote. By pursuing this course, intermittents, remittents, rheumatism, colic, biliousness, dyspepsia and pulmonary affections may always be prevented.

DR. TUTT'S EXPECTORANT.—The properties of this elegant preparation are demulcent, nutritive, balsamic, healing and soothing. It braces the nervous system and produces pleasant and refreshing sleep. It exhilarates and relieves gloominess and depression. It is the most valuable Lung Balm ever offered to sufferers from Pulmonary diseases.

Perryville, Alabama, March 9, 1869.

Dr. Wm. H. Tutt: Dear Sir—For fifteen years I have been afflicted with Asthma. My suffering has been intense. I have been unable to lay down for a week at a time. It seemed as if I would choke. I coughed incessantly, and my wheezing could be heard all over the house. I had despaired of ever getting well, but, through your kind recommendation, my attacks are seldom. I can now rest well at night. I believe it will make a permanent cure. Truly yours,

ARTHUR F. MCCOY.

DR. TUTT'S HAIR DYE is easily applied.

mh 4-6w

ON MARRIAGE.—Happy Relief for Young Men from the effects of Errors and Abuses in the Sexual System. Nervous debility cured. Impediments to Marriage removed. New method of treatment. New and remarkable remedies. Books and Circulars sent free, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION, No. 2 South Ninth St., Philadelphia.

NOTICE.—The members of the German Co-operative Building Association will please attend the fourth annual meeting, on Wednesday, March 6th, 1872. The election of officers and the business of the Association will take place.

mh 5-2t J. SCHNEIDER, Secretary.

THE BEATITUDES, NOS. 1 AND 2.

The new and beautiful Chromos of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the pure in heart," and "Blessed are they that mourn," from the painting of the world-wide known Charles Landelle, of Paris, are for sale.

FRENCH'S

BOOK AND STATIONERY STORE,

No. 36 King street.

The subjects are impressively religious, and that they will have a large introduction in the religious families especially, there can be no doubt. There is a purity of feeling, a beauty and distinct expression in each face, of which there are five in each picture. This is truly wonderful.

THE CROSS OF PEACE is a new and beautiful chromo just received.

WANTED—A PEDIGREE, a new book, by the author of an "Old Fashioned Boy," "Lillian," &c. \$2.

THE LOVELS OF ARDEN, by Miss M. E. Braddon, author of "Aurora Floyd," &c. 75c.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Falls Church, Va., February 8, 1872.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the FAIRFAX AND GEORGETOWN TURNPIKE CO. will be held at Falls Church, Va., on MONDAY, March 11th, 1872, at 3 o'clock p. m., to take action on the report of the committee appointed to arbitrate the matter of a choice of routes for the company's road, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors: W. H. DANIEL, Secy.

Feb 10-6d W. H. DANIEL, Secy.

HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

In great variety.

We have in store, at 28 King street, a very large and well assorted stock of goods in our line, which we are offering at a small advance, preparatory to making our Spring purchases.

Call and see; it will pay you to examine before making your purchases.

Jan 17 JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON.

WHITE GOODS.

We are now offering a very desirable stock of Irish Linens, Undressed Cambrics, Plaid Muslins, Colored and White Tatlings, Swiss Edgings and Insertings, Lace Edgings, White Skirtings, &c., with a general stock of goods in this line.

(Feb 10) ROBT E. WOOD.

SPRING GOODS.

Just received a beautiful line of low-priced SPRING DRESS GOODS,

such as Challie Cloths, Granite Lustres, Manchester Brocades, Japanese Stripes and Plaid Alpaca.

mh 4 WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

COAL! COAL! COAL!

Now discharging from schr Rachel Seaman, a superior article of WHITE ASH COAL, consisting of the following sizes: Egg, Stove and Nut—which will be sold low from vessel.

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Goods for ladies and children, in Blue and White, Black and White, and Red and White. Also, Solid Red, Blue and Black Flannels—articles especially useful at this season.

mh 2-1w ROBT L. WOOD.

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES.

We are now taking orders for all kinds of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, to be furnished from an old and reliable nursery.

Feb 20 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

COAL!

Just arrived, schr C. W. Locker, with 320 tons EGG, STOVE and CHESTNUT COAL—now unloading at King street.

mh 4-1w JOHN LEATHERLAND.

NAVY BEANS and B. E. PEAS for sale by J. C. MILBURN,

No. 19 North Royal street,

Feb 27

500 BALES OF CHOICE HAY for sale cheap at 201 King street.

Jan 30-2m AUGUSTUS WALL.

AUCTION SALES.

By L. D. Harrison, Auctioneer.